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Assessment for Learning

Districts Select Spring 2005 Testing Windows

In response to requests from schools and districts for the Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) to be administered before the Iowa Tests (the NRT) in the Spring of 2005, the Office of Public Instruction posted a survey online for system test coordinators to complete.

Based on the results of the survey, the Criterion-Referenced Test will be given before the Iowa Tests with a week overlap that will facilitate scheduling at the high school level. Below are the Spring 2005 windows for state testing:

Phase 2, the CRT: March 7—March 30, 2005

Phase 1, the NRT: March 23—April 13, 2005

- *The CRT Tests are administered first within a three and a half week window.*
- *The Iowa Tests are administered second within a three week window.*
- *The CRT window and the Iowa Tests window overlap each other the week of March 23 - March 30.*



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Data Review for the NRT and the CRT

For both the Iowa Tests (NRT) and the Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT), districts and schools have the opportunity to review their data before they become public. Please take special note of the password information and the windows for reviewing test results and/or demographic data online. These review periods are the final opportunity for districts to review the student information they provided on the student answer documents.

**Deadlines for reviewing the data are:
July 15 for the CRT and July 26 for the NRT.**

A table of details follows on page 2.

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Test	Password Mailed	Password Mailed From	Review Window	Review Details	Contact Info
NRT	Week of June 14: mailed to district authorized representative	Office of Public Instruction	July 15 - 26	Review online on a secure site. To make corrections, contact OPI by July 26.	OPI, Judy Snow jsnow@state.mt.us (406) 444-3656 OR Vicki Thacker vthacker@state.mt.us (406) 444-3545
CRT	June 2: mailed to district test coordinator	Measured Progress	June 9 - July 26	Review and correct data online on a secure site.	OPI, Judy Snow jsnow@state.mt.us (406) 444-3656 OR Nancy Hall Measured Progress nhall@measuredprogress.org (888) 792-2741

Criterion-Referenced Test Reports

In September of 2004, districts and schools will receive their printed and electronic CRT test results.

Samples of the printed results are online: <http://www.opi.state.mt.us/assessment/crt.html>

At both the MCEL and MEA-MFT Conferences in October, Measured Progress will have booths and personnel to provide hands-on training in the use of the electronic version of the CRT test results.

Tentative Fall 2004 Assessment Information and Training Sessions

The following are the preliminary plans for assessment information and training sessions. More details will be ready in the August *JUMP*.

September 13	Interactive sessions to preview CRT printed reports	METNET Sites
After September 16	Preview of CRT printed reports	Video Stream on OPI site
Early October	Interactive session to address questions and answers about the reports	METNET Sites
Early October	Interactive session to address questions and answers about the reports	Live video stream on OPI site
Oct. 21-22	Session topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom teachers' use of CRT data and released test items Use of CRT-Alternate assessment data The Benchmarking Process for the CRT Demonstration and hands-on training of electronic CRT data software 	MEA-MFT Conference in Helena
Oct. 21-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstration and hands-on training of electronic CRT data software 	MCEL Conference in Billings